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WHERE FACTS TALK.

Honolulu's careful attention is invited to the information in news articles and advertisements which the Young Women's Christian Association is systematically placing before the public.

This information is preparatory to a three-days' budget campaign beginning at the end of this month.

It is a terse truism that "money talks." Every businessman appreciates the philosophy in this bit of colloquialism.

Facts talk also. Figures talk. They are as eloquent as any flight of oratory.

The Young Women's Association has the facts and the figures to prove the worth of the work it is doing in this community. These facts and figures it is putting before the public for three weeks prior to the budget campaign.

On Saturday and Sunday the advertising was run in evening and morning papers, and will be repeated frequently. News articles will also be frequent.

It is the theory of the board of directors and the executive staff of the Y. W. C. A. that if the facts about their association can be placed fully before the public, the funds to finance it through the most useful year of its existence will be quickly subscribed.

The Star-Bulletin agrees absolutely with that theory. The proposed budget passed the first "test" by the scrutiny of the Chamber of Commerce charities and social welfare committee. It was thoroughly examined and received the stamp of approval.

Now the budget is before the committee of public opinion. There is no question that if it is thoroughly examined, it will receive the stamp of approval from this great committee, too.

THE QUEEN OPINION.

Attorney-General Stainback's opinion on Senator Quinn's plumbing contract with the territory gives a clear interpretation of the territorial statute prohibiting public officials from participating in public contracts. As already pointed out, the opinion is in effect, that to come within such prohibition, a public official must be an active agency in the letting of the contract on behalf of the territory, or in its name.

It is regrettable that the opinion is too long for publication in full, since it is a highly important matter and one which has been the subject of a great deal of controversy. The attorney-general sums up the opinion in two closing paragraphs as follows:

"We may conclude them by saying that this statute recognizes the common-law rule that an agent owes to his principal a loyal adherence to his interest and cannot act for a party whose interest opposes his principal's or, as one case quaintly says, 'the doctrine as old as holy writ that a "man cannot serve two masters." For the same reason one cannot be a party and an agent for the opposite party. The statute goes further than the common law in that it not only makes a contract made in violation of Section 102 void but makes a violation of this section a criminal offense.

"Mr. Quinn, in contracting with the territory, is acting as an agent for the territory and is not regarding the interests of the territory in such transaction; that duty devolves upon the superintendent of public works and inasmuch as Mr. Quinn is not acting in reference to the subject of his agency and the contract has no relation to his office such contract does not come within the prohibition of the statute any more than a contract made by a notary public or inspector of elections or a national guard officer with the territory for the performance of such work."

On the facts as now known, no blame should be attached to the Outrigger Club for the unfortunate death of a swimmer at the club diving platform yesterday afternoon. The swimmer dove into shallow water—the very thing which plain signs warned him not to do. Disregard of danger signs brought death to the man who ignored them. Nevertheless, the club president is wise in ordering the springboards removed from the platform. So long as they are used, needless or unskilled swimmers are likely to find foolish chances. When, after the death of a swimmer at another part of the beach, proposal was made that additional safeguards be installed, the Outrigger Club president was the first to come forward with offer of cooperation. But no precautions were sufficient to stop all recklessness. The community deeply deplores yesterday's tragedy and regrets particularly that a visitor should lose his life at a beach that is perfectly safe if precautions are observed.

Recent local attacks on Governor Pinkham have had the usual effect—eliciting information from Washington that the governor is as "strong" with the powers that be as ever. Chief among these powers is Secretary of the Interior Lane. Private letters which have just come from the capital say that there is no question that Mr. Lane will stick by the governor, and his present attitude indicates that the governor is very likely to be appointed for a second time.

Saving the U. S. is going to be about the most extensive public job on record.

NAVAL UNCERTAINTIES.

Preparedness, if it has not brought forth an armada for the United States, has had a tendency to bring forth considerable information regarding the navies of some of the leading nations of the world, up to a certain date, namely, about the middle of July, 1914, since which time the veil of secrecy has been closely drawn about the naval construction of foreign nations, especially so by the belligerents.

We are aware of the contemplated naval building program of the nations, now at war, up to the date quoted above. If such program has been strictly adhered to or exceeded, the latter condition more likely than otherwise, our navy department at Washington knows nothing of it.

When the peace of Europe was broken by the declaration of war, the United States program of naval construction called for four dreadnoughts and four battle-cruisers for 1917. At that date we had in commission and fighting trim, eight dreadnoughts and 22 pre-dreadnoughts but no battle-cruisers. With our program of construction carried out, it would place our naval strength in a very fair position as compared with other navies of the world, providing their building program has not been added to.

This would be especially so as compared with Japan, whose naval strength in big fighting machines at that date, consisted of two dreadnoughts, 13 pre-dreadnoughts and two battle-cruisers, with a program of construction framed that would add 5 super-dreadnoughts.

It was given out two years ago that Japan's naval construction program would not be fulfilled for seven years, but Japan's veil of naval construction secrecy fell with those of the rest of the nations that saw war hovering over all, and it is doubtful if this nation will ever know the extent of Japan's or any other nation's naval construction unless they become involved in war.

The official naval figures of two of the belligerent powers now at war, at the opening of hostilities were: Great Britain: Twenty dreadnought type battleships, 40 pre-dreadnought battleships, nine battle-cruisers and 34 armored cruisers. Germany: Thirteen battleships of the dreadnought type, 20 of the pre-dreadnought type, four battle-cruisers and nine armored cruisers.

The strength of the belligerent navies today is problematical.

A social event of great popularity will be given every afternoon this week on Kalakaua avenue, in the form of a paving dansant. Concrete will be poured by Engineer L. M. Whitehouse, and the color scheme will be carried out from Kalua road to Kapiolani park. Covers will be laid every time it rains, and favors are distributed to the guests each morning in the form of hoes, shovels, picks and time tickets. After the paving dansant is concluded some weeks hence, the general public is cordially invited to join the festivities with motoring parties de luxe.

Respecting Mr. Vanderlip's assertion that the American people are economic illiterates, he will at least admit that they made wonderful use of their efficient knowledge when they established the Federal Reserve banking and currency system and the farm loan banks. A country that could do that must have a few inhabitants who can read and write simple words.—New York World.

The Times has great sympathy with that prisoner at the Federal Penitentiary who wanted for a Christmas present "some humane way to exterminate poets." We would not use it on all poets, but only upon those who think it shows genius to be able to grind out rhyming lines regardless of meter.—Leavenworth Times.

These are the days when the "strategists" lay down the map of Rumania and begin polishing up on peace negotiations, armistices, treaties and other phrases that come in handy settling Europe's troubles for her.

It is not difficult to believe the report that Germany would give the Trentino to Italy if she would sign a separate peace. That is Austrian territory.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Some of the European nations think that in his peace-note the president has turned the other cheek; some say it was just another cheek.

A reader objects to the new designation of Circle Drive—"Double Crossroads." Perhaps he would be better suited with Sidestep Lane.

But what would the Puunui belligerents have done without Mr. Stokes to conduct the note-exchanges?

About the easiest thing in the world is to criticize the other fellow's idea when you have none of your own.

It is officially reported that the eastern, western and Puunui war arenas are comparatively quiet.

British are evidently trying to cut the Germans adrift from their Ancre.

MUCH CARE SEEN IN SELECTIONS

The program for tonight's Moss-Lewers concert at the Opera House was given out this morning and shows that the Chopin selections which Moss promised have been selected with the eye of a man who thoroughly understood the great composer. Chopin's "Fantasie in G Minor" has been placed at the head of the program and for the closing group four of his shorter and well known compositions have been arranged. The complete program is as follows:

- (a) "Fantasie in G Minor," Op. 49, Chopin.
- (b) "Enoch Arden," Poem by Alfred Tennyson. Music by Richard Strauss.
- (c) "Tallade, G Minor." "Berceuse."
- "Scherzo, E Minor," Chopin.

The central feature of the evening is the "Enoch Arden" number, the reading of which will occupy about 50 minutes. Frank Moss, who plays the Chopin program in this number, also plays the Richard Strauss music, written especially for the classic, and the reading is by William Lewers, who has devoted the past weeks to its study. Conscientious work by both has already guaranteed that the full beauty of poem and music in their relation to each other will be effectively brought out tonight.

Up to the opening of the box office tonight what remains of the tickets are being sold at the Territorial Messenger Service.

DR. WADMAN'S WORK TO BE DISCUSSED AT W. C. T. U. MEETING

Work that Dr. J. W. Wadman, superintendent of the local Anti-Saloon League, has done and is now doing in Washington, D. C., in the cause of prohibition for Hawaii, will be discussed in detail at the annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Officers for the coming year will be elected, reports for the last year will be presented, and a number of matters, regarding past and future work of the union in the islands, will be talked over.

Mrs. J. M. Whitney, president, said today that no action will be taken with a view to securing prohibitory legislation in the next legislature. This work, she added, will be left to the Anti-Saloon League.

PERSONALITIES

MR. and MRS. R. P. CLAYTON are spending a few days on Hawaii. They left Saturday on the Mauna Kea.

CAPT. CHARLES F. BATES, 25th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, returned on the Great Northern from a short trip to the mainland.

FREDERICK DONNELLY, chief clerk at Hawaiian department headquarters, left Saturday for a visit to the volcano of Kilauea.

JOHN R. ALLEN, advertising manager of the Christian Science Monitor of Boston, Mass., is visiting in Honolulu. He is a guest at the Moana Hotel.

MRS. J. F. CHERRY of Astoria, Ore., is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilder, 1522 Hastings avenue. She arrived on the Great Northern.

MISS CAROLINE CHURCHMAN of Walla Walla, Washington, is staying for two weeks at the Young, having arrived on the Great Northern. Miss Churchman is accompanying Miss Helen McCarthy of the same city.

HENRY BREDHOFF will leave on the Matson steamer Manoa, February 12 for a visit of several months with his wife and family in Oakland. His son, C. H. Bredhoff, will arrive early next month to take charge of the Hawaii Film Supply Company's business during his father's absence. Bredhoff, Sr., has not been to the mainland for four years.

E. C. SMITH of Council Bluffs, Ia., arrived on the Hill liner Great Northern for a three months' visit in Honolulu with his son, E. Q. Smith, superintendent of construction in the public works department. The elder Smith is a businessman of Council Bluffs and is a former New Yorker, having been connected with the New York Life Insurance Company for 40 years.

MR. and MRS. JULIUS LEHFELDT, their daughters, Miss Sylvia Lehfeldt and Mrs. Hortense Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jurgan Kuhr, all of Chinook, Montana, comprise a jolly party of Northerners at the Seaside Hotel. Lehfeldt is a merchant and Kuhr is interested in sheep. They

BOND CAMPAIGN READY TO START

With the election on the water and sewer bond issue only a little more than a month away, plans are being rapidly formulated by the board of supervisors to carry on an active campaign. Speeches advocating the bond issue will soon begin about the city and the speakers, headed by Mayor Lane, are already gathering data to present to the voters.

Maps showing where the new sewer and water pipe lines are to be laid have just been finished and in a few days will be scattered all over the city. Small maps with literature explaining the city's need for such extensions will also be mailed to every voter in the county.

At a meeting last week of the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Supervisors Hatch, Logan and Hollinger explained to the members what they intended to do. They also asked the committee's cooperation and the members said they believed that the bonds should carry.

That the present board of supervisors will not spend any of the \$480,000 for which the issue calls is evident from the following dates: The election is held February 21. It will take at least two months for the President of the United States to approve it and two months before the contract for the work can be let. This means that the work cannot possibly start before July.

PUUNUI CLUB TO SUPPORT BOARD

Although disapproving the action of the board of supervisors in choosing Hawaii street extension instead of Circle Drive, members of the Puunui Club at a special meeting held at the residence of W. O. Barnhart, Puunui, adopted a resolution promising to support any practical outlet. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, that the Puunui Improvement Club deprecates the fact that the plan for Circle Drive adopted by the City Planning Commission has not been upheld by the board of supervisors but that we intend to support so far as practicable to our interest any outlet road adopted by them in lieu thereof, in the broadest community spirit possible."

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—VALENTINO MORONI, manager Moana and Seaside Hotels: The sea danstans which are being held three times a week at the Moana are apparently becoming very popular with the visitors.

—ARTHUR G. SMITH: As a private in one of the National Guard coast artillery companies I enjoy the work immensely. There is certainly enough to learn all the time to keep the work from becoming monotonous.

—SERGT. JOHN KELLETT of the detectives: What the police department would appreciate more than anything else would be a big gymnasium where everyone of the officers could exercise every day. If they were required to spend at least an hour a day there it would not be long before they would do so voluntarily, and then they would be always in fighting trim for any emergency.

—EDDIE FERNANDEZ: I notice some criticism by the deputy city attorney because a bad gang hangs around my merry-go-round at Aala park and the suggestion that I go somewhere else. This amusement I offer is entirely innocent and I will be the first to cooperate with the police in effective measures to see that bad characters do not hang around, but that they do is no sound argument against the merry-go-round in its present location. Honolulu needs more, instead of less wholesome amusements for the poor people.

The work of classifying and opening to homestead entry such lands in the national forests as are chiefly valuable for agriculture is progressing rapidly. Already over 70,000,000 acres have been covered by field examinations and the final reports acted upon.

The Federal Reserve Board heard a petition of businessmen of Louisville, Ky., for the establishment there of a branch of the reserve bank of St. Louis.

came in the Great Northern and will be here several weeks. Lehfeldt was here alone last year and thought so much of the country that he returned with his family and friends.

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LETTERS

REASONS ARE ASKED

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: I have been asked by many people in town, not Puunui people, what were the real reasons of Supervisor Logan and Larsen for switching on Circle drive. As I did not care to be sponsor to the inquirers for either of these gentlemen, I addressed to you the following letter, inviting one of them who had broken into print (Mr. Logan) to express his reasons:

"Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. "Sir: Supervisor Logan's excuse in the Star-Bulletin of the 10th for turning down the city planning commission in 'switching' Circle drive, was not especially interesting, but his reasons would be.

"Respectfully, (Signed) JOHN F. G. STOKES. Here is Mr. Logan's reply: "Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. "Sir: The letter of J. F. G. Stokes in the Star-Bulletin Thursday supplies part of the reason for the defeat of Circle drive—I. e., the true color of its chief sponsor.

(Signed) "DANIEL LOGAN." As many people in Honolulu are asking for these reasons, I hope you will publish this communication (a copy of which will be given early to Mr. Logan), with his reply since it is a matter of general interest.

JOHN F. G. STOKES. P. S.—It is useless to ask for Supervisor Larsen's reasons.

LLOYD GEORGE NOT A HYPHENATE

Niuli Plantation, Kohala, Hawaii.

January 10, 1917.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: In your semi-weekly issue of Friday, January 5, 1917, I note with interest your editorial comment on the British premier. Pardon me to inform you that he is no hyphenate. You seem to have sadly neglected your ancient history in quoting him as such. David Lloyd George is a Welshman, appointed to the premiership of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland by His Majesty King George V.

Britain, called by the Romans Britannia from its Celtic name "Prydain." The earliest records of the history of this island are the manuscripts and poetry of the Cambrians—Cymry, the ancient name of Wales. The Celts, the ancestors of the Britons and modern Welsh, were the first inhabitants of Britain. The Romans eventually divided Britain into five provinces, one of which was named (Britannica Secunda) "Wales," which was united to England in 1282, to Scotland in 1603. They have had the same legislature since 1707, when the three were styled Great Britain. Ireland was incorporated with them by the act of legislative union January 1, 1801, and the whole was called the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. In 1284 the queen gave birth to a son at Caernarvon, whom King Edward styled Prince of Wales, now title of the heir to the crown of Great Britain. David Lloyd George being a native of Wales, born at Caernarvon, is a Welshman and therefore is not a hyphenate to the premiership of Great Britain. If you need any more proof besides this ancient history the easiest way for me to explain myself would be to say that Adam was a Welshman.

Trusting you will see it fit to agree with me in my endeavors to redeem a British idol from being termed a hyphenated premier, I am yours very respectfully (another Welshman).

J. R. LOUGHER. [Editor's note: This paper formerly used the hyphen in Lloyd George's name, but ceased some time ago. Occasionally the habit of writing in the hyphen leads to the typographical error. We assure our contributor that we are satisfied the British premier is not a hyphenate.]

There were cut from the national forests in the fiscal year 1916 604, 920,000 board feet of timber. Of this amount 119,552,300 board feet was cut under free use privilege by 42,055 individuals. In all, 10,840 sales of timber were made, of which 97 per cent was under \$100 in value, indicating the extent to which the homesteader, rancher, miner, small millman and others in need of a limited quantity of timber draw upon the forests.

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